

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of all of the previous rejections. All pending claims have been indicated as allowable. Applicants are providing a new Abstract that refers to the peptide recited in the claims as requested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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